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Elba Council hears request to clean up Mulberry - stop beer sales in neighborhood

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

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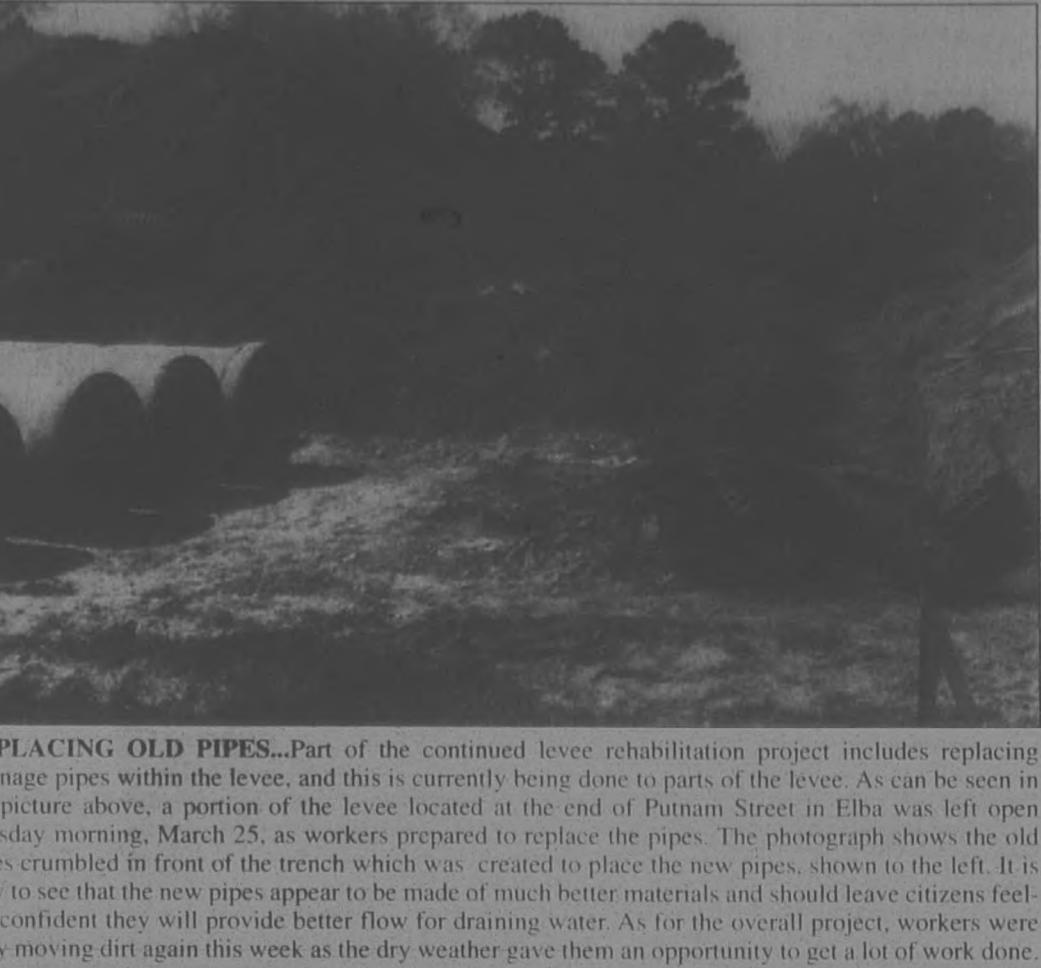
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REPLACING OLD PIPES...Part of the continued levee rehabilitation project includes replacing drainage pipes within the levee, and this is currently being done to parts of the levee. As can be seen in the picture above, a portion of the levee located at the end of Putnam Street in Elba was left open for Tuesday morning, March 25, as workers prepared to replace the pipes. The photograph shows the old pipes crumpled in front of the trench which was created to place the new pipes shown to the left. It is easy to see that the new pipes appear to be made of much better materials and should leave citizens feeling confident they will provide better flow for draining water. As for the overall project, workers were busy moving dirt again this week as the dry weather gave them an opportunity to get a lot of work done.

As Hyundai distributor plans to locate in Enterprise Coffee County Commission offers support in preparing site

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting, the Coffee County Commission offered its support Monday morning, March 24, to the City of Enterprise in its efforts to prepare a site for the new Hyundai supplier that will so locate within the Yancey Parker Industrial Development.

Enterprise Mayor Tim Alford addressed the commission Monday morning, and he said the city needs the help of the commission in preparing a site for HSR&A which recently announced it will be locating in Enterprise. Alford said the company is now being referred to as HSAA (HS Automotives, Alabama).

"We are on a fast track in order to be ready," Alford said. "We request the county assist us with manpower and equipment to prepare the site."

He said if work such as removing the top soil and preparing the area for construction is done by local manpower, then approximately \$200-250,000 can be saved for the taxpayers.

Alford said he believes this is important for the county and the support of the commission would help show that Coffee County is ready for business and can make these kind of things happen.

"We are all proud of our industries in Coffee County," commission chairman Robert Stephens said. "We have the lowest unemployment rate in Southeast Alabama and would like to keep it that way."

Commissioner Jim Thompson made a motion to assist the City of Enterprise with the site preparation for HSAA. His motion

received a second from commissioner Bernest Brooks and passed by a unanimous vote

from commissioner Doug Dalrymple who was not present for the meeting due to a death in the family.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook felt an amendment was necessary for the need to upgrade the county's software system.

He said the county purchased its current software system from DBS first to see if the company would be willing to lower its upgrade price to \$6,000. If not, the county will purchase the system from Intuit.

In both the amendment and the original motion passed by a unanimous vote.

In regards to the delinquent garbage fees in which the commission has been discussing for quite some time now, Stephens said the county has managed to collect several more of the delinquencies.

"We're getting in good shape," he said. "I have spoken with officials from other counties, and they said they only wish their numbers were as low as ours."

In other business, the commission:

*Approved a motion to allow the City of Enterprise to use six voting machines in an upcoming election.

*Commissioner Tom Grimsley made a motion with a second from commissioner Kayo Lewis to go to Intuit since it has the backing of the county administration; however, commissioner Linda Westbrook felt an amendment was necessary for the need to upgrade the county's software system.

Reappointed Dr. James Paulk and Dale Moseley to another term with the Coffee County Public Water Board.

*Approved a motion to transfer an unused vehicle from the sheriff's department inventory to the Zion Chapel Senior Center inventory. The vehicle, which used to be driven by the county jail administrator before he purchased a new vehicle, will be used as a backup vehicle by the senior center.

*Approved a motion to take Coffee County Road 359 off priority for paving and put it back into its former slot on the county's dirt road paving list. The road had been moved to priority because of a grant the county was going to receive, but Commissioner Linda Westbrook said the county did not receive the grant after all. She said some money may still come in for this project, but it will not be enough to keep the road in a priority slot.

*Commission voted to close Mulberry Heights voting house

by Linda Hodge, Editor

voters in Mulberry Heights to close the voting house at the old school and provide a better facility. Therefore, Stephens recommended and made a motion to close the Mulberry Heights voting house to allow these voters to vote at the Elba Recreation Center which is the main voting spot for District Three.

The recreation center is within 1/4 mile of the Mulberry Heights school, and Stephens said he feels this will better serve the people of District Three with a better facility for every voter in the district.

"So many people had asked me to move that voting house in Mulberry Heights," Stephens said. "These voters are all in the same district, and the move will now have them all in the same beat."

Commissioner Bernest Brooks, who offered a second to Stephens' motion, also has some knowledge of the poor condition of the Mulberry Heights building, and he agreed the change will be good for the voters. He said he also feels the voters will be better served at the recreation center where the facility is in much better shape with a working restroom.

By a unanimous vote, the commission approved closing the Mulberry Heights voting house and moving those voters to the Elba Recreation Center providing this gets the approval of the U.S. Justice Department.

While on the subject of voting houses, Commissioner Linda Westbrook mentioned a problem in New Brockton where in the past the District One voters have been forced to come to Elba to vote. Now, she said all of New Brockton falls in District One, and she wanted the commission to approve the use of the old District Two voting spot in New Brockton for the District One voters.

This matter was also approved by a unanimous vote to be precleared with the justice department.

County attorney Joe Cassidy made sure the commissioners were aware that other voting changes might be required; therefore, he recommended all commissioners look at their district so he can combine all changes in one document to send to the justice department for clearance.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

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America is in fact now at war - big time, and some of our finest are giving their lives for this country. The onset of war didn't come as a surprise to many folks, as the massive build up, both in material ways and in words, had been ongoing for some time. On several occasions worldwide TV audiences have already heard American and British leaders say publicly that the Iraqis are not fighting fairly. Frankly, we didn't expect them to "fight fair," nor did our leaders. These public statements are part of a continuing effort to swing worldwide opinion in favor of the U.S.-led coalition's position.

As a working member of the news media we have, on several occasions, been called upon by friends to defend the blow-by-blow instant news coverage of the war. We have no clear response, even after almost a week, to mull the matter over in the rusty ole brain. It is easy to be critical of the ongoing coverage, yet we spend as much time before the tube as anyone, watching the events unfold. There are some good points for us to consider in this issue. With the constant camera coverage it is easier for each of us to sort through the claims and counterclaims coming out of the battles. Also, our government and military leaders are using this real time coverage to convince Iraqi citizens and soldiers of our well intended plans and decisions. Then good or bad, more Americans will have full knowledge that in spite of the glory painted by Hollywood movies, WAR IS HELL. We say again, the great freedoms won in past battles by so many fighting Americans are the only things in this whole issue worth defending with the lives of our young men and women... and then only because others of us who have much less time left in this world are simply too far past our prime and not up to the mental and physical tasks faced daily by our well trained troops.

This week for the first time we have heard a complaint about the issuing of licenses to sell alcoholic beverages in the City of Elba. Frankly, we expected a lot of loud complaining each time one of the applications came up, but it didn't happen. A complaint expressed to us following the council meeting Monday night was that "we didn't know about it." Well, the law requires a display ad to appear three times in this newspaper, the prospective licensee must post a big sign on the premises explaining their intentions. ABC's canvaus (the neighborhoods) are often leave letters at nearby homes, etc., and there is a public hearing. In the case of Elba, these were discussed in the news columns of at least three area newspapers, the local radio station and on several area television stations. It is just about impossible to get the news out any more thoroughly than that. Unfortunately, it appears some Army training we received over 40 years ago still rings true.... "10% of the troops will never get the message"... this is regrettable, but shouldn't stop any of us from trying to reach that other 10% of our citizens.

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America begins the task of disarming Iraq

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After twelve years of defiance of United Nations resolutions ordering him to disarm his weapons of mass destruction, Saddam Hussein chose to go to war last week rather than give up his ability to inflict harm upon America and our allies. History will reflect that he made a fatal mistake. It will also show that the United States followed the proper course of action.

In his televised address last Monday, President Bush spelled out his duty to prevent Saddam's lethal arsenal from being used against our country. The United States and other nations did nothing to deserve or invite this threat. But we will do everything to defeat it.

President Bush clearly laid out our objectives to the Iraqi people. "We come to Iraq with respect for its citizens, for their great civilization, and for the religious faiths they practice. We have no ambition in Iraq, except to remove a threat and restore control of that country to its own people."

At home in Alabama, we know what's at stake in the military operation in Iraq. Our state is sending a great number

of our men and women in uniform. After visiting many of our armed personnel in their forward deployment camps in Kuwait last month, I saw first hand their courage and resolve. They will pray for their safe return.

"My offices have received calls and emails from ordinary citizens wanting to know what they can do to reach out and encourage service members far from home. One such way is by joining the efforts of the United Service Organizations (USO). The USO Care Package Program is an excellent way to brighten the day of our military

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

EHS Band Day is planned for Saturday, April 5

The annual Elba Band Day will be held April 5, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on the square in downtown Elba.

Schedule of events is as follows: 9:45 - EES 5th & 6th Grade Bands; 10:30 - Lois Pittman Line Dancing; 11:00 - Carl Brook; 11:30 - The Southside Shufflers; 12:00 - The Tiger Twirlers; 12:30 - Master's Call; 1:30 - EES 5th and 6th Grade Bands; 2:00 - EHS Band; Barbecue plates will be available from the Senior Citizens

EHS to have 8th Grade Parents Night April 3rd

Elba High School will have 8th grade Parents Night April 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents and students should attend this meeting to discuss important issues concerning their child's education for grades 9-12.

Topics for discussion will be credits for graduation, advanced

Praise Festival wants praise and worship groups

The New Life Center and The Christian Mission will sponsor a Praise Festival on May 10, 1:30-5 p.m.

All interested choral groups are asked to sign up to be

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Center beginning at 11 a.m. Tickets for these plates will be pre-sold.

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Lawn chair should be brought for seating.

Also some merchants will have "Charity Chairs" to bid for.

Everyone is encouraged to come at the beginning and stay for the whole day to encourage the performers.

New Life Worship Center will be in revival March 30 - April 2

New Life Worship Center will be in revival with the Johnson Family from Pensacola, Fla. starting on Sunday, March 30 - Wednesday, April 2, 2003. The service times are Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and Monday - Wednesday

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SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight

by Alex Benbow



Tiger Tales

Editor:
Sheena Flowers

Operation Saving Teens comes to Elba High School

by Blake Brunson

This week's all new co-op spotlight focuses on Natasha Brooks. She is 16-years-old and in the eleventh grade. Her parents are Denise and Comer Ray Brooks.

Some of her hobbies include shopping, going to the beach, bowling, hanging out with her boyfriend and friends. She works at BBQ ETC in New Brockton, AL. She is a member of St. Beta FBLA, and FCCLA.

Her future plans are to attend University of South Alabama and major in anesthesia. And her favorite sport is football, GO ELBA!!!

Celebration of Spring

What happens at equinox?

Far from being an arbitrary indicator of the changing seasons, March 20, March 21 in some years, is significant for astronomical reason. On March 20, 2003, at precisely 8:00 p.m. EST (01:00 Universal Time-March 21), the sun will cross directly over the Earth's equator. The moment is known as the vernal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere. For the Southern Hemisphere, this is the moment of the autumnal equinox.

Translated, literally, equinox means "equal night". Because the sun is positioned above the equator, day and night are about equal in length all over the world during the equinoxes. This brief but monumental moment owes it

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Elba Elementary holds annual book fair

by Brittany Cooper

On Monday, March 3, Elba Elementary School held the annual Crane Book Fair. The Book Fair is held every year for the elementary students to get a chance to buy books, posters, pencils, and many things that they enjoy. The most popular items this year was the "How to Draw Spider-Man" Color book, and the Guinness World Record Books. The book fair lasted until Friday, March 14.

I got a chance to ask the elementary librarian, Mrs. Seay, how she thought the book fair went and she said, "It was a great deal of work, but it was worth it, and it gave the library extra money to spend on books and accessories."

35 percent of the money raised was given to the library to use. Mrs. Seay said the library almost made it to the \$3,000 mark.

I would like to congratulate EES librarian for raising the money, and thanks to Crane Book Fair!

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

by Ayonna Proctor

No Miss Spring Break pageant... Is it unfair or fair? That is the question

the past doesn't mean it will happen again.

Mr. Carlile - No, but I don't believe that the boys are being punished. I have felt for a long time that there was something better to do to raise money.

Leanna Sutley - No, because the issue of vulgar language came up last year, but it's being addressed this year.

Mrs. Weeks - It's unfair for the senior guys, but I agree that it had gotten too vulgar.

Christy Eubanks - I think it's unfair that they cut it out all together without any guidelines being set that could be followed and make it more accepted.

Derrick Jackson - No, because this year's boys haven't done anything; it was last year's boys. And this is a once in a lifetime experience, and they aren't going to be able to experience it because of someone else's actions.

Mrs. Crawford - Unfair, but strict guidelines should be set to make it cleaner and enjoyable for everyone.

Tim Andrews - No, because we've been labeled as a



Kaleigh Harris shopped at the book fair

whole there has never been too much trouble out of us. We shouldn't be punished. Plus I was looking forward to being in it.

Danay Ware - It's not fair because the pageant has been going on for a long time and it's our turn and we can't do it.

Mrs. Bailey - No, I think that rules should be set for the ones this year, and if they break them they should be individually punished.

Gina Mack - No, because this year's seniors may not be as vulgar as last year's boys. Plus, it's a tradition that our boys won't get to be a part of.

Ashley Gibson - No, because it's not fair for the senior boys and the students of this year because it is not our fault.

Mrs. Calhoun - It is fair, because the pageant has gotten too vulgar.

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Those were some opinionated voices of Elba High School and their feelings on the non-existing Miss Spring Break Pageant of 2003. Everyone can't be satisfied all the time, but maybe there can be some sort of resolution where everyone is happy.

Mrs. Henderson - Yes, because each year is worse than the one before.

Marcus Henderson - No, because our senior class is the "best senior class" that's ever come through EHS, and as a



PIC OF THE WEEK (by Kimberly Farris)...Kristy and Devri were glad to make their final payment on their graduation supplies!

Spring Break is on its way

by Jessica Lauren Hatchcock

Hey! My name is Brittany Cooper, and I am writing about our character trait this week. Well, since we have already used all of our character traits, I thought I would write about Spring Break, instead of boring you with the same stuff! Ahh, Spring Break, the time of parties, fun, and family vacations. Well, this Spring Break, instead of going to parties and getting in a lot of trouble, spend time with friends and family, safely. I know you are asking me, "How can you have fun "safely" on Spring Break?" Well, here are some ideas of what to do on Spring Break, without getting well basically, arrested!

You can always go shopping, lay out in the sun, go walking in the park, roller-blading, or even having a picnic in the park with your loved ones. There are many things you can do without risking your life, or even someone else's. I hope your Spring Break is fun and safe!!!

No matter what, it will be a great week to relax and get back

to your normal self, while shaking off your remaining remnants of school. Whatever you plan to do for your vacation, whether it is Panama City, Six Flags, or staying at home, please be careful and come back to school the next week safe and sound. (And ready to learn!)

Students every year look forward to Spring Break, especially the Mrs. Spring Break Pageant that the journalism staff hosts every year. Since this year our senior class has been deprived of one of its most enjoyed traditions we are all looking forward to a nice long week of fun and sun.

I want to wish everyone at Elba High, students and teachers alike, a great and a safe week. Now go out and have fun!!

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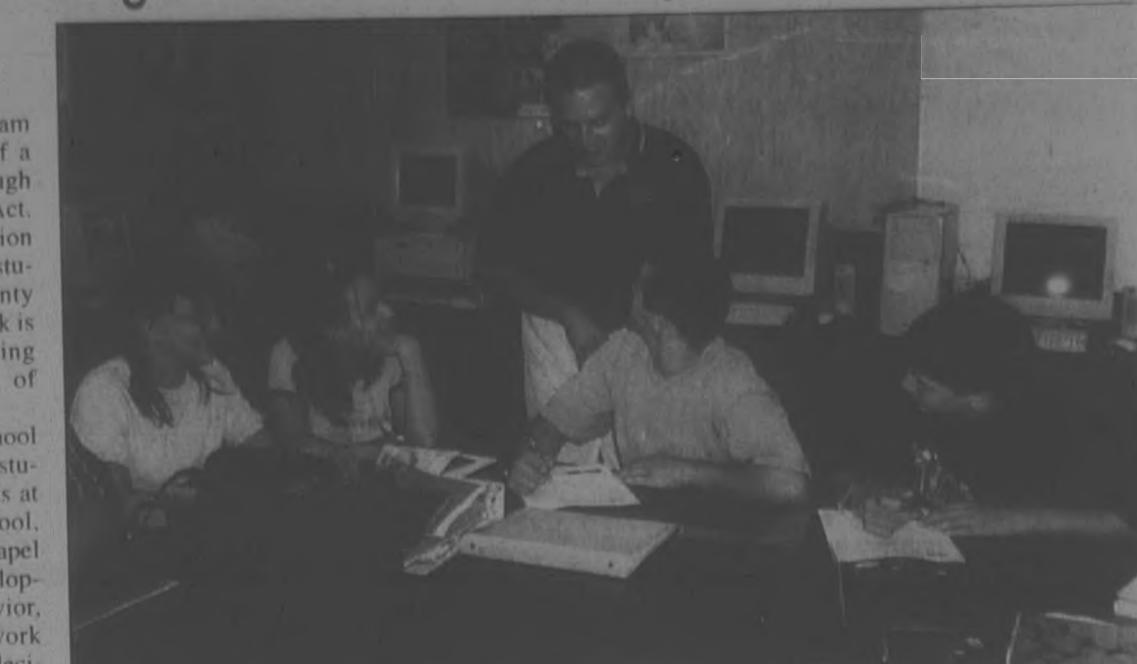
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Zion Chapel High School

REBEL NEWS

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Students gain from programs made available through WIA

Students appear on WTBW show

Ashley Wambles, Amanda Perry, Jonah Edmondson, and Lee Boutwell made an appearance on the WTBW Morning Show with the show's host, Mr. Jim Roling. They were there to talk about Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and the South Region Conference which they were going to attend the next day.

The four Zion Chapel Students were on the air for a period of time between 6:45 and 7:15 a.m.

Mr. Roling asked them in which

contest they were going to compete, in which grade they were, and where they planned to go to college. All four students said they were going to Auburn.

Jonah wants to study computer engineering, and Amanda wants to study aeronautical engineering.

These three are seniors.

Lee, a junior, wants to be a large animal veterinarian.

They were accompanied by their sponsor, Mrs. Rachel Bryan.

This year we have had many

ZCES Faculty Spotlight

Joni Smith is employed with the Coffee County School System as a fifth grade teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School. During her first year of teaching, Joni enjoys teaching Language arts and Science.

Joni graduated from Kinston High School in 1997 as valedictorian of her class. After high school, she attended college majoring in K-6 elementary/collaborative education. In Dec. 2001, Joni received her Bachelor's degree from Troy State University and graduated with honors.

The Auburn University honor band received several hundred applicants according to their Director of Bands, Johnnie Vinson. Over 900 applied, and 300 were selected. These students were from all over the southeast. Melanie Perry was selected for the Eagle Band, conducted by Troy Breaux. Melanie was the only 9th grader in her band. Kimberly and Kala were selected for the Tiger Band, conducted by Rick Good, assistant

band director at Auburn. The trip was chaperoned by Mrs. Chern Shaw, Melanie's mother.

The Southeastern United States Honor Band was held at Troy State University. This honor band was founded by Dr. Johnny Long. Jason Sanders was selected through a taped audition from hundreds of applicants. Jason had plays scales, rudiments, and exercises on the snare drum, timpani, and xylophone to be considered.

While there were two honor bands, the Crimson and the Silver, Jason was picked for the Crimson Band.

The band was under the distinguished baton of Colonel John R. Bourgeois, who conducted the "President's Own" United States Marine Band for many years.

Jason even got to play the famous snare drum part on Semper Fidelis, the Marine Corps march written by former Maine Band conductor John Phillip Sousa. When students asked Col. Bourgeois about his most memorable moments with the Marine Band, he responded that there were three: Presidents Kennedy's funeral, President Johnson's funeral, and the day in 1981 when President Reagan was inaugurated and the hostages that had been held in Iran for 444 days return home.

Band Director Michael Bird had this to say: "These experiences make our band better. I am very proud of the accomplishments of these students. They have represented Zion Chapel in a positive way at various institutions around our state. These students have continued to uphold a fine band tradition at Zion Chapel High School through their participation in these honor bands."

On March 3, 2003, Zion Chapel Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday. Students enjoyed a breakfast of green eggs and ham and wore Cat in the Hat hats during the day. Each elementary class had a guest reader. The guest readers included: Janet Holmes, John Nelson, Christina Kirkland, Tommy Waters, Peggy Storey, Elizabeth Lindsey, Betty Reffegge, Angela Hughes, Charles Walker, JoAnne Jones, Bernadette Smith, Linda Westbrook, Cara Knighten, Annette Griswold, Jeanaria Parker and Herby McCall. Dr. Seuss' birthday is an annual event to promote reading.

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from high school. Before Christmas the Zion Chapel students worked on their leadership skills. The students worked very hard to provide a social event for Mrs. Nall's Elementary Resource class. The teens planned a social event that every child would love to attend. The WIA students made ornaments for the young students as well as greeting cards. After getting to know our young friends we served, snacks and drinks to them all.



Ms. Joni Smith's fifth grade 4-H winners - Zion Chapel Elementary School - (front row, left to right) Nicole Holloway, Lee Acremain, 3rd - Cookie; Lila Johnson, 2nd - Cookie and Poster; Lee Acremain, 3rd - Cookie; Bernita Clark, 1st - Peanut Essay; (back row, left to right) Aaron Grant, 1st - Poster; Tanner Grant, 2nd - Poster; Hillary Davis, 2nd - Peanut and Essay and 3rd - Poster; Lance Walden, 3rd - Poster.

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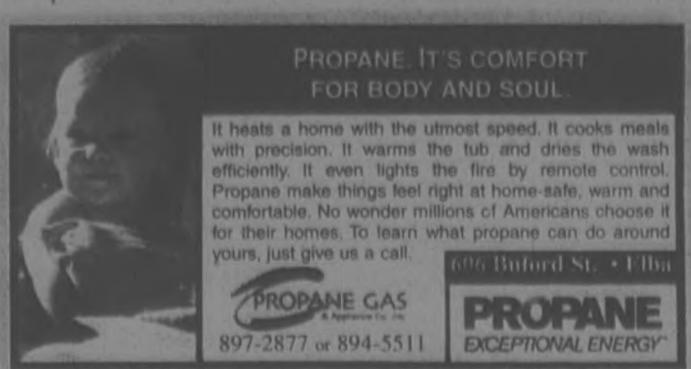
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Caroline Darnell

Caroline Darnell to be held April 4

The annual Band Day Pageant will be held Friday, April 4, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium.

Attrite for Tiny Miss and Little Miss will be Sunday Dress; for Jr. Miss and Miss - Formal Dress.

Practice will be held Thursday, April 3, at 6 p.m. in the EHS auditorium.

Entry forms and fees must be turned in to the school by April 2.

Grade categories are: K - 2nd; 3rd - 5th; 6th - 8th, and 9th - 12th. All proceeds will benefit the Band.

For more information contact Melinda Lee at 897-2687 after 6 p.m.

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Lacy, Al—Let There Be Light
Mason, Felicia—Sweet Accord
Pella, Judith—Somewhere a Song
Oke, Jane—The Beloved Land
Thonee, Bodie—The Jerusalem Scrolls
Thonee, Bodie—The Jerusalem Vigil
Thonee, Bodie—Jerusalem's Heart
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Welsh, Kate—Her Perfect Match
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Deaver, Jeffrey—Vanished Man Hyde, Christopher—A Gathering of Saints
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McNaught, Judith—Someone to Watch Over Me
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Henley, Virginia—Ravished House, Silas—A Parchment of Leaves
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• Closeouts

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wilsons to be honored on Golden Wedding Anniversary April 6

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Wilson will honor their parents on their Golden Wedding Anniversary April 6, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. at Roeton Baptist Church. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



LATE OBITUARY

MILFORD EUGENE SUTLEY

survived by his wife, Sybelian W. Sutley, a son-Michael E. Sutley, a daughter-Vicky Lynn Matthews & 2 granddaughters all of Milton.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28 at Lewis Funeral Home Chapel in Milton, FL, with Dr. David Spencer officiating. Burial will follow in Serenity Gardens with Lewis Funeral Home directing.

Coffee County Arts Alliance 29th Annual Piney Woods Festival to be held April 12 & 13

The Coffee County Arts Alliance presents the 29th Annual Piney Woods Arts Festival on Saturday and Sunday, April 12 & 13, 2003. The Festival will be on the grounds of Enterprise-Ozark Community College (formally Enterprise State Junior College), located at the intersection of Bell Weevil Circle and Highway 167, South, Enterprise, AL. Festival hours are 9:30 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and Noon to 4 PM on Sunday.

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Opp Saddle Club opens 2003 season March 29

Opp Saddle Club will open its 2003 season on Saturday, March 29 at the Opp Arena.

The 2003 Opp Saddle Club Queen's will also be announced starting at 9:00 AM. These 92 girls were interviewed on Friday, March 21 at the Opp Chamber of Commerce Building.

Starting around 10:30 on Saturday the Saddle Club will kick off its first horse show of the season. The first part of the show will be halter classes, pleasure classes and racking classes. Afternoon events will start at 2:00 and will include a balloon burst contest, a sack race and a stick horse race. Kids up to age 7 will be able to compete in these events. The speed events will follow the three kid events. The speed events will consist of arena races, barrel races, pole bending, key-hole races and the 100 yard dash. There is a class for all ages. The Beginner class is for kids up to age 7. The Youth class will be for ages 8-12 and the Junior class is for ages 13-17. The Senior class is for anyone 18 and over.

The public is invited to these events. There are bleachers to sit on or spectators can bring lawn chairs. There is no admission charge for spectators.

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU March 31-April 3, 2003

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Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Comdog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, 1/2 Orange, Milk

Tuesday - Steak Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Blackeye Peas, Peach, Cup, Milk

Wednesday - Chicken Fajitas, Rice, Taco Sauce, Lettuce, Tomato, and Cheese, 1/2 Apple, Milk

Thursday - Spaghetti w/Meat sauce, Corn, Carrots, Crackers, Peanut Butter, Lettuce, Tomato, & Dill Pickles, French Fries, Blueberry Cake, Milk

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School is out this week for both the Mularz girls and that means both have plans to spend a few days at the beach soaking up the sun. In years past Mom would always help with their plans and help chaperone, but this year they are heading to the beach with friends and won't have Mom or Dad looking over their shoulders to make certain they behave. Just because they will be on their own doesn't mean a totally free week of fun, however, because I told them both that I will have my spies checking on them and will know just what went on before they even get back. Isn't being a parent fun?

SWINGS AND MISSES....

*** The Elba Tigers saw their four-game winning streak snapped last week with a 4-0 loss to the Opp Bobcats, and after this week's swing at the Ariton Spring Break Tournament, the Tigers will go to take a few days off to rest up before they begin a run at the state playoffs. Elba knocked the cover off the ball and rolling to 10-2 wins over Luverne and Opp, but lost 4-3 to the Tigers. The Tigers saw some top notch pitching and failed to rise to the challenge. It will be interesting to see how the Tigers come back from their short break and what kind of new streak they can get started down a 5-1 advantage. The Tigers have the skills to win a bunch of games. However, potential has never scored a run and the Tigers will have to win on the field just like everyone else. It should be interesting.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers found out on Friday morning that were ranked third in the state in the Class A-3A poll published weekly by The Birmingham News and promptly went out later that night and dropped a 5-1 decision to the 2A Goshen Eagles for their first loss of the season. The Lady Tigers did get one win in a tournament up in Troy, but also suffered their second loss as 6A Theodore applied a 10-0 spanking. The Lady Tigers should be proud of their 10-2 record and their lofty ranking as they take a few days off for spring break, but at the same time they should realize that maybe they weren't quite as good as they thought and that unless they play their best they can be beaten. I still think the Elba girls are a state tournament contender and can pile up a bunch more wins, but we must improve every time they take the field and remember that the scoreboard reads 0-0 every time they start a new game.

*** I haven't had a chance to watch much of the NCAAs tournament, but did get to see Alabama make its exit and have tried to see all the highlights shows late at night. Auburn was vastly underrated going into the tourney and made a statement with its win over St. Joe's, while Troy State had the toughest draw of the event and played well in the second half before falling. The match-ups will only get better and better this week as the road to the final four continues, and maybe I'll get a chance to sit back and watch a few games and pick my favorites. For now, it is still anybody's guess.

*** The youth baseball and softball seasons will begin in early April and there will be a few changes in store for the kids and the fans when the season kicks off. The community baseball league will switch to a six-game schedule, the youngsters will now hit off a pitcher, while the Dixie Boys League will have a field of its own as changes at Legion Field have included moving the fences in to 285 and the building of a new mound. The season is a lot closer than you might realize, and just in a matter of days there will be plenty to do every night of the week here in Elba.

*** In closing, the coaching carousel continued last week with McKenzie's Shane Smothers being named the new head football coach at W.S. Neal. Coach Smothers had huge success in his two seasons at McKenzie, and despite the fact he will look younger than just about all his players, I think the folks down in East Brewton made a wise choice. With new coaches now named at W.S. Neal, Andalusia, Luverne and Geneva, it looks like the 2003 season will have something new for the fans to talk about.

UMPRIES MEETING

Anyone ages 16 and above that wish to umpire baseball or softball this summer with the Elba Recreation Department should attend a meeting on Thursday, March 27 at 7:00 PM at the Elba Recreation Center.

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Up winning streak to four games

Elba Tigers sweep past Luverne

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers tangled with their arch-rivals from Luverne twice last week and claimed two big wins to improve their record to 4-1 on the young season and won't have Mom or Dad looking over their shoulders to make certain they behave. Just because they will be on their own doesn't mean a totally free week of fun, however, because I told them both that I will have my spies checking on them and will know just what went on before they even get back. Isn't being a parent fun?

Tigers blanked 4-0

The Elba Tigers scored five runs in the top of the first to grab a quick lead and then added five runs in their final at bat to rally and defeat the Luverne Tigers 13-7, just Tuesday afternoon in Elba.

Elba trailed 1-0 when it came in to bat in the bottom of the first, but quickly erased the deficit as the Tigers pounded out with hits in the inning to grab a 5-1 advantage. An RBI double off the bat of Marcus Henderson ignited the early uprising, while Kyle English, Jason Curran, Ralston Moore, Rick Smith and Derrick Thomas all followed with singles, while Brock Lambert delivered two-out RBI singles.

Luverne combined two hits with two walks to pull within 3-2. Derrick Thomas got the win on the mound with two walks to pull within 3-2.

Tigers blanked 4-0

The Elba Tigers hit the road on Thursday afternoon to battle the high-powered Opp Bobcats and saw their four-game winning streak come to an end as they were blanked by the Bobcats 4-0.

The Tigers went down in order in the top of the first, but the Bobcats made some early noise as Opp combined two hits with one walk to plate five runs in the final four innings and suffered the 4-0 loss.

Kyle English and Marcus Henderson drew a lead-off walk in the second inning and moved to second on a stolen base, but was stranded as the next three Tiger batters failed to reach base.

Matthew Curran opened the third inning with Elba's first hit of the game and later moved to second when Brandon Petty was hit by a pitch. However, the

Zion Chapel and New Brockton split baseball doubleheader

The Zion Chapel Rebels and New Brockton Gamecocks tangled last week in New Brockton and split a double-header as the Rebels won the opener 8-4 and the Gamecocks salvaged a split with Zion Chapel 5-3 in the second game.

Following are highlights of both games:

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The New Brockton Gamecocks salvaged a split with the two game series and posted their first win of the season in the process as they defeated Zion Chapel 5-3 in the second game.

Zion Chapel jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but the Gamecocks rallied and pulled ahead 2-1 on an RBI single by Travis Slawson and a sacrifice fly by Heath Parker. An RBI single by Parker in the third pushed the Rebels' lead to 3-1. However, Clark Skinner reached on errors to get the Tigers on base, and Adam Spicer followed his second double of the game to drive in two runs, giving the Rebels a 5-3 lead.

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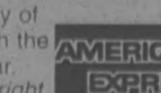
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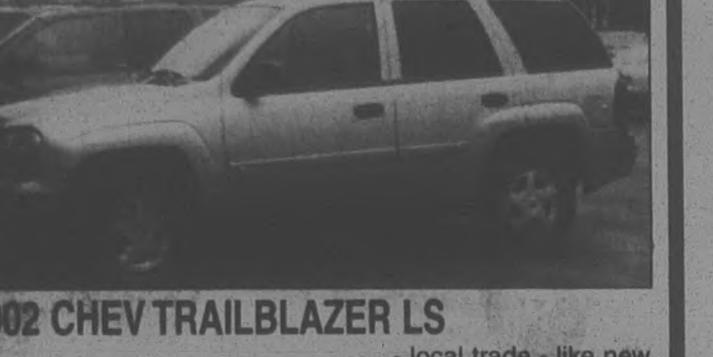
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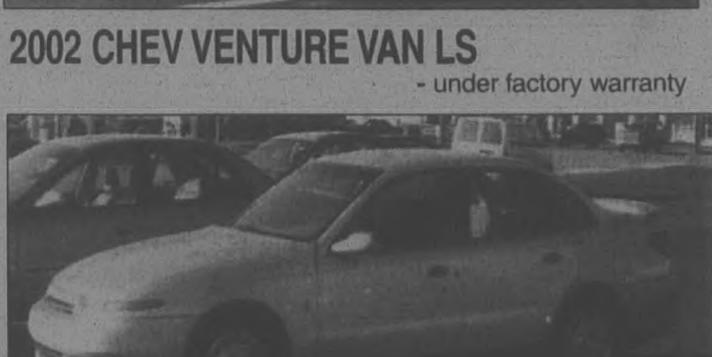
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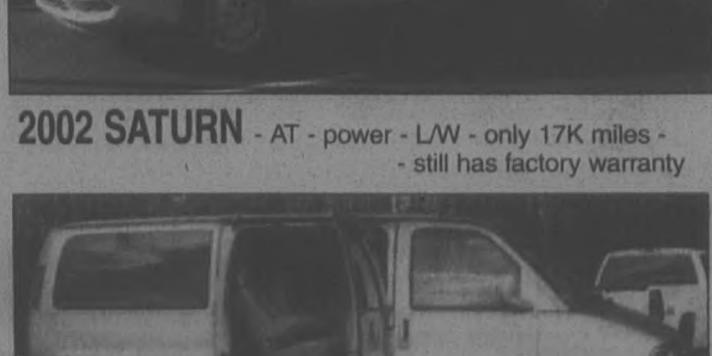
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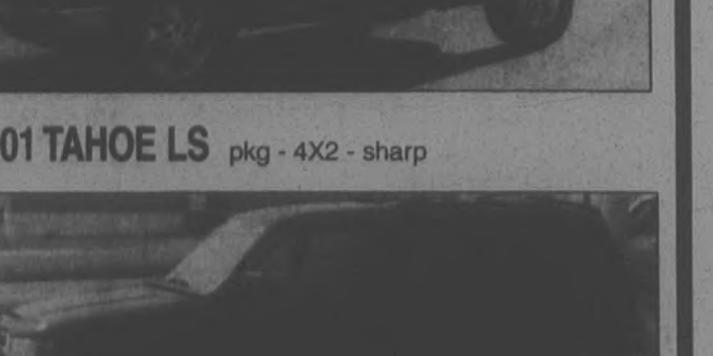
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